

Mr. Bowser's Memory—He Finds That He Has Forgotten Many Things

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The Bowser family were resting in contentment. Mr. Bowser had smoked his cigar and read the evening paper and was half asleep in his rocking chair. Then there came a sudden interruption. The front-door bell rang as if a fireman had pressed a button.

"Good Lord, but what is that!" exclaimed Mr. Bowser as he jumped up and went down the hall.

"I'll bet that fellow won't come here again!" he exclaimed as he re-



"The Confounded Loafer Wanted to Sell Me a Book."

sumed his chair. "What gall! What impudence! Why, the confounded loafer wanted to sell me a book that tells how to get your memory back if you have lost it!"

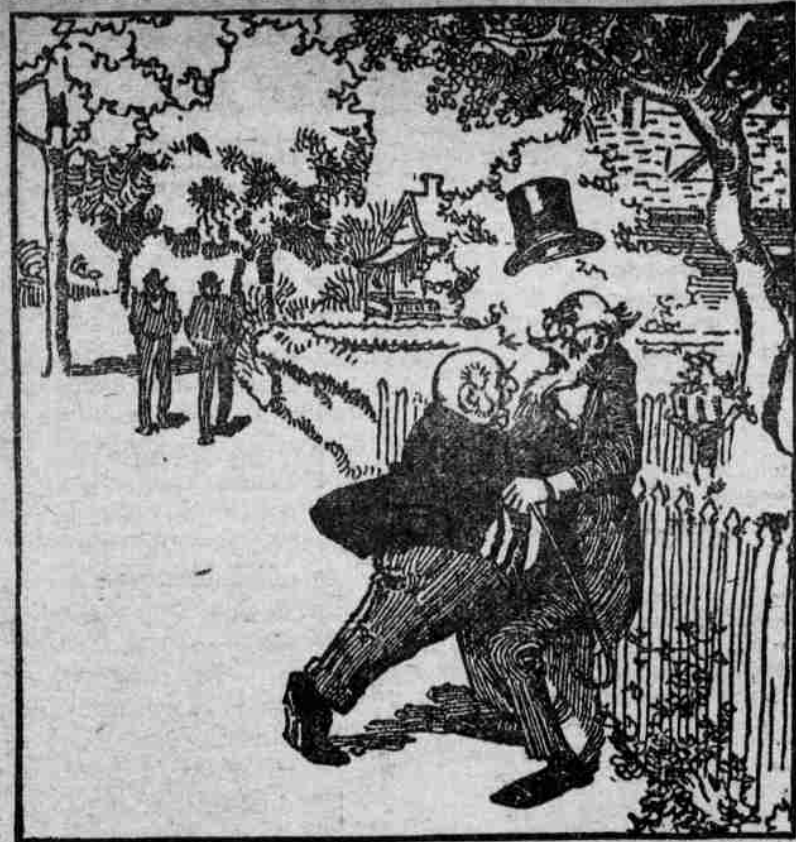
"I believe there are books which tell you," carelessly replied Mrs. Bowser.

"Why, I can remember back to when I swallowed a spool of thread, and I wasn't twenty months old at that time. Mrs. Bowser, do you think I am losing my memory?"

"I have sometimes puzzled over it," was the reply.

"Puzzled! What in the Old Harry is there to puzzle about!"

"Well, we might call it carelessness."



"Did You Ever Love?"

You have often admitted that you are a very careless man."

"I never admitted it—never in my life! You may test my memory back to my babyhood, and you'll find that I have forgotten nothing. Go ahead and question me."

"Very well, Mr. Bowser. What happened to you when you were three years old?"

"I fell into the cistern and was nearly drowned."

"Yes, your mother told me so. And what happened when you were five years old?"

"A horse kicked me and broke two of my ribs."

"And at ten years old, Mr. Bowser?"

"I went out into the woods to get hickory nuts and got lost and they did not find me until the next day."

"Well, we'll say at fifteen? Did anything happen on your fifteenth birthday?"

"Not a thing," replied Mr. Bowser, after some thought.

"Are you sure?"

"As sure as death!"

"And didn't I come to your birthday party, along with other girls and boys, and didn't you fall in love with me?"

"Never! You have got things all mixed up!"

"Didn't you and I go out into the orchard, and didn't you try to steal a kiss from me? You said I was the handsomest girl in the whole state. Don't you remember it now?"

"Woman, what are you driving at!"

shouted Mr. Bowser. "Do you mean to say that I was a perfect G. G. G. at fifteen?"

"We will let that pass," replied Mrs. Bowser, "and go on to your eighteenth year. You were not quite eighteen when you wanted me to elope with you. We were to go to some island in the sad, South Seas and live forever more. You had a dollar and a half to go on. I should think you would remember that?"

"By George! By George!" growled Mr. Bowser, as he got up and walked to and fro. "Insulted in my own house and by my own wife!"

"No one has insulted you. You asked me to test you and I am doing so. Shortly after the elopement, which didn't come off, you began to write me love letters. You called me 'your dove,' 'your angel,' 'your popsy-wopsy' and lots of other names. I have got some of your old love letters to show that you did."

"I never, never wrote any such darned stuff as that!" howled Mr. Bowser, as he flourished his arms about.

"You often wrote me as many as three times a day, and hired a cross-eyed boy for two cents a letter to bring them over to me. If you could sit down with that cross-eyed boy for three minutes he would bring your memory back better than any book."

"More insults! More insults!" gasped Mr. Bowser.

"I was reading one of your old letters today," continued Mrs. Bowser. "You must have written it by candlelight, for there are three or four spots of grease on every page, and there are just sixteen pages. In it you said that if I died you would go out and drown yourself, for this world would be nothing to you if I left it."

"Mr. Bowser couldn't say a word. He just stood with his mouth open and his fingers clenched and looked at Mrs. Bowser as if he longed to tomahawk her on the spot."

"Mrs. Bowser, I command you not to say another word!" said Mr. Bowser, in a low, tense voice.

"Just a word and I am through, Mr. Bowser. You were so grateful to me for saving your life that you sent the cross-eyed boy over two or three hours later with a half-pound box of candy. It was glorious candy. It must have cost you all of ten cents. My heart went out to you as I munched that candy. I realized that I was about to marry a big-hearted, noble young man, and mother said you would always dote on me. Can't you possibly remember these things, Mr. Bowser? If you can't, you should try and find that man and buy his book on memory."

Mr. Bowser made no reply to this. He simply gasped in his throat and turned and went down the hall to the hat rack and put on his hat.

OUTPUT OF GASOLINE GREATLY INCREASED



FREDERICK KORMANN, DISCOVERER OF NEW PROCESS.

Photograph shows Mr. Frederick Kormann, whose discovery of a remarkable process for distilling motor spirits has increased the output of gasoline twelve fold. The shortage will be overcome and, through the patriotic tender of the discoverer, the United States government has been given the free use of the process during the period of the war. The process makes use of that which is now waste in the manufacture of gasoline, and increases the output of 6 per cent gas from every barrel of crude oil to 52 per cent gas. Kormann is a professional chemist and has been working for several years on oil and gasoline chemistry.

CARE OF BATTERIES

Most Owners Are Now Familiar With Use of Hydrometer.

MUST BE HANDLED PROPERLY

Most Common Mistake Is in Taking Readings Immediately After Distilled Water Has Been Added—Rectify Errors.

Due to the efforts of storage battery manufacturers toward educating the motoring public in the necessary care of their batteries, most battery owners are now familiar with the use of the hydrometer for testing the battery solution.

Motorists sometimes deceive themselves, however, by using the hydrometer under improper conditions.

Hydrometers are recommended to battery users for testing the battery's condition, because they are the simplest and most understandable devices available for the average motorists' use. At best they can serve only to indicate approximately the state of charge or discharge of the battery, and unless used properly, they tell nothing of value.

Make Errors.

The most common error among motorists testing their own batteries is taking hydrometer readings immediately after distilled water has been added. The solution has been brought to the proper level and presumably is in ideal proportions for a test.

As a matter of fact a hydrometer reading under these conditions is very misleading. The water added has not had a chance to mix with the rest of the solution, and the fluid drawn into the hydrometer is a very weak mixture which shows a low gravity test. From such a test an inexperienced motorist is apt to conclude that his battery is decidedly run down and needs recharging, whereas, the battery may be in a fully charged condition, when a strong recharge would do more harm than good.

Up to Proper Level.

To get the most out of hydrometer tests, motorists should bring the battery solution up to the proper level, by the addition of distilled water, and then defer taking a reading of the solution until the automobile has been run a few hours and the water, through the generator charging process, has had an opportunity to thoroughly mix with the rest of the solution.

If the hydrometer is regularly used in this way and the motorist will occasionally avail himself of such testing service as may be had at a battery service station, minor irregularities in the battery can be rectified before they become serious.

TO ADJUST VALVE TAPPETS

Those Parts of Engine Which Become Hot in Operation Must Be Given Attention.

Do not forget that those parts of the engine which become hot in normal operation must be adjusted when they are hot. The valve tappets, for example, should not be adjusted when cold, because the clearances will not be correct after the metal has expanded.

PORTABLE LIFT FOR AUTOS

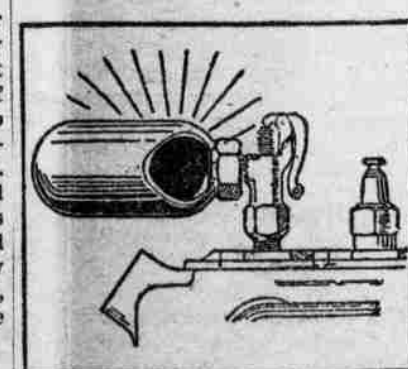
Garage Pit Is Not Necessary to Make Repairs Under Car if Recent Invention Is Used.

No garage pit is needed to make repairs beneath an auto conveniently, if an automobile lift of recent invention is available. This lift, which is described in Popular Mechanics, is a demountable device which raises and lowers the vehicle by its own weight, and will hold it safely at a convenient height for a workman to make repairs while seated beneath the chassis. It consists of two independent units, each consisting of a tilting runway mounted on a horse, which in turn is supported by a wooden base. Across the horse the trackway is centrally hinged. It has flanges to guide the wheels and is of sufficient length to reach the floor and form an incline of suitable pitch. Two cylinders with pistons cushioned on heavy oil support each runway, these cylinders being connected with a pipe which allows the oil to flow from one end to another as the car is raised or lowered. In operation the car is either driven up the inclined runways under its own power, or hauled up by pulleys. When its weight passes center, the runways automatically level themselves.

"SAFETY FIRST" IN WHISTLE

Warning Blast With Carrying Power Above Other Noises of Street Is Most Effective.

"Safety first" demands that a warning whistle shall have a carrying power above that of other noises of the street and that it shall be so simple



Outline of Warning Whistle.

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The device consists of a minute poppet valve and a high pressure whistle two inches in diameter made of aluminum. It is mounted in the valve cap of one cylinder, where a portion of the exploded gas, at 250 to 300 pounds pressure, blows it.

WAR AND THE PLEASURE CAR

No One Would Think Gasoline One of Necessaries of War by Its Lavish Use for Autos.

Gasoline is one of the necessities of war. Yet no one would think it was, witnessing from day to day its lavish use in our streets and highways as an instrument of personal luxury, says the New York Tribune. There has been no appreciable diminution since war was declared of pleasure or other needless riding in automobiles. That is one of the first signs of the non-existence here of war conditions and a war consciousness which strikes the eye of every visitor from Europe.

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"He did; I'm the man."

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